

PARAGRAPHICAL.

Items That Will Hold Your Attention.

When the devil's to pay his debtor goes bankrupt.

The killing of time is often the murdering of opportunities.

It isn't the wife with the sunny disposition that makes things warm.

A jack-knife often cuts friendship. So, more often, does a jack-pot.

The effect of being kept up all night is wearing, even on an umbrella.

If really ignorance was bliss what a happy old world this would be.

People who live in glass houses shouldn't have neighbors within a stone's throw.

If our lives were lighted only by our goods, how dark some ways would be.

Many a man who thinks that he is a world-beater would balk if his wife asked him to beat a hall carpet.

Ajax may have defied the lightning, but it isn't of record that he ever was fool enough to trifle with a trolley car.

Yes, Maude, dear, it is true that the beard grows stronger on one side of the face than the other, and that side is the outside.

The first thing some people will do when they get to heaven, says the Philadelphia Bulletin, will be to look around for the fire escape.

The American Forestry association is making a strong plea to state legislatures to set aside forests at the headwaters of rivers in each state.

A firm of English soap makers which gives a half penny to the Transvaal war fund for every cake of soap sold has already sent in \$5,000 to the fund.

"What great beer drinkers the Boers are," mused the fan-eared idiot. "The dispatches are full of accounts of 'the British capture another lager.'"

Mme. Patti's latest fad is the collection of daggers and similar weapons. Her collection is already large and valuable, most of the daggers being weapons with a history.

A needlessly severe comment on a recent wedding says: "The groom's present to the bride was a handsome diamond brooch, besides many other beautiful things in cut glass."

Nothing more impairs authority than a too frequent or indiscreet use of it. If thunder itself was to be continual it would excite no more terror than the noise of a mill.

Cecil Rhodes has made millions by the rise in diamonds since the outbreak of the war. The rise, however, is not enough even with his balloon, it seems, to raise him out of besieged Kimberly.

"Dear! dear!" exclaimed the perplexed hostess, "I've got a whole roomful of guests who don't seem inclined to notice each other. Can't you suggest something to start a general conversation?" "Yes," answered the Man of the world, "get some one to sing."

JUST BE GLAD.

O heart of mine, we shouldn't
Worry so.

What we've missed of calm we couldn't
Have, you know.

What we've met of stormy pain,
And of sorrow's driving rain,

We can better meet again,
If it blow.

We have erred in that dark hour
We have known;

When the tears fell with the shower,
All alone.

Were not shine and shower blent,
As the gracious Master meant?

Let us temper our content
With his own,

For we know not every morrow
Can be sad;

So, forgetting all the sorrow
We have had,

Let us fold away our fears,
And put by our foolish tears,

And through all the coming years
Just be glad.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

Fourteen Mistakes.

An English paper gives a list of what it terms "the fourteen mistakes of life." While there are undoubtedly other mistakes than those mentioned, the list is a fairly comprehensive one:

It is a great mistake to set up our own standard of right and wrong, and judge people accordingly; to measure the enjoyment of others by our own; to expect uniformity of opinion in this world; to look for judgment and experience in youth; to endeavor to mold all dispositions alike; to look for perfection in our own actions; to worry ourselves and others with what cannot be remedied; not to yield to immaterial matters; not to alleviate all that needs alleviation as far as lies in our power; not to make allowances for the infirmities of others; to consider everything impossible that we cannot perform; to believe only what our infinite minds can grasp; to expect to be able to understand everything.

And the last and greatest mistake of all is to live for time alone when any moment may launch us into eternity.

General News Items.

The average taxation of the United States is about \$8 per head. The taxes in France are \$14.45 per head; in England, \$10.81; in Holland, \$8.58; in Austria, \$8.49; in Denmark, \$6.64; in Germany, \$5.98; and in Belgium, \$5.82.

Over 25,000 British soldiers have landed in South Africa since the Boers invaded Natal. With them have landed thousands of horses and mules, a large number of field cannon and an immense amount of ammunition, camp outfits and subsistence supplies.

Guatemalan advices to the New York Herald are that the government's bulletin, just issued, gives details of a revolutionary attempt in the eastern departments of Guatemala. Troops are now pursuing the revolutionists over the frontier into Salvador and Honduras. Several prominent citizens, supposed to be sympathizing with the revolutionary movement, have been taken prisoners.

It has been decided that the national republican convention will convene in Philadelphia on June 19 next. The friendly contest for the honor of entertaining the convention was between the cities of Chicago, St. Louis and New York. The proceedings of the committee are said to have been enthusiastic and harmonious, and every speech that was made evidenced the fact that McKinley will be renominated, giving the convention the semblance of merely a ratification meeting.

The latest ruling of the commissioner of internal revenue calling for the mutilation as well as cancellation with ink, of documentary and proprietary stamps when used, looks, at first glance like superfluous botheration. And yet, when due appreciation is had of the trouble which the government is having with dealers in washed stamps in New York and other large cities, the new regulation is reasonable enough. It seems necessary for all who are obliged to use stamps to co-operate with the government authorities in suppressing this crooked business.

A Washington dispatch to the New York Herald says that "Instead of Great Britain or France acquiring the Galapagos islands, situated in the Pacific ocean, west of Ecuador, the administration proposes that they shall be controlled by the United States or remain the property of Ecuador." The Galapagos or Tortoise islands are a volcanic group. Of the fifteen principal islands, Albermarle is the largest. They are remarkable for peculiarities of fauna and flora. They have an area of 2,490 square miles and a population of 200. The island of Albermarle is 75 miles in length.

A. W. Rucker, a Denver attorney, and president of the monetary league, is in St. Louis, where he will hold a conference with the governors of several states friendly to the free coinage of silver, relative to a suit which is about to be begun by the State of Colorado for the purpose of securing a decision by the United States supreme court as to the legality of the demonetization of silver. The general assembly of the state of Colorado passed a joint resolution authorizing the governor to take steps to bring this question before the supreme court. The suit against the United States government will be begun by an action in Denver. The United States monetary league will give the state of Colorado as a present a solid silver brick of the purest metal of 100 ounces and representing \$100, at par ratio. The treasurer of the state will then present the brick to the state. The state will send it to the United States mint at Washington, with the demand that it be coined into 100 silver dollars. "This demand, of course," says Mr. Rucker, "will be refused. Upon the refusal, suit will be entered in the United States supreme court, for we have a right under the constitution to demand that the bullion be coined."

A press dispatch from Washington, D. C., of December 11, says Mgr. Martinelli has just received from Rome a document in which the Pope grants to the Catholics of the world an unusual privilege in connection with the celebration of 1900. It concludes as follows: "Therefore, in order that the year 1900, which is about to begin and which it is to be devoutly hoped will usher in a far more happy century, may, by the aid of God and of his only begotten son, our Savior, have an auspicious opening and may close after a prosperous course, his Holiness, Pope Leo XIII., graciously grants that on the 31st of December, both of the year which is now ending and of the year about to begin, at midnight in churches and chapels where the most holy eucharist is kept according to the prudent judgment of the Ordinary, the most august sacrament may be exposed for adoration; and he grants also the permission to say or to sing, in the presence of the eucharist thus exposed and at that hour, one only mass of the feast of the circumcision and the octave of Christmas. Moreover, he grants to the faithful the special privilege of receiving holy communion at the same time, either during or outside the celebration of the mass."

A PEN PICTURE.

Mark Twain Writes of The Boer as He Saw Him.

Mr. Twain visited South Africa two or three years ago, and in his book "Following the Equator," describes some of his observations. Of the Boer, he says:

"He is deeply religious, profoundly ignorant, dull, obstinate, bigoted, unclear in his habits, hospitable, honest in his dealings with the whites, a hard master to his black servant, a lover of political independence, a good husband and father, not fond of herding together in towns, but liking the seclusion and remoteness and solitude and empty vastness and silence of the veldt; a man of mighty appetite, and not delicate about what he appeases it with; willing to ride a long journey to take a hand in a rude all-night dance interspersed with vigorous feeding and boisterous jollity, but ready to ride twice as far for a prayer meeting; proud of his Dutch and Huguenot origin and its religious and military history; proud of his race's achievements in South Africa, its bold plunges into hostile and uncharted deserts in search of these, solitudes unexposed by the pestering and detested English, also its victories over the natives and the British; proudest of all, of the direct and effusive interest which the Deity has always taken in its affairs."

"He cannot read, he cannot write; he has one or two newspapers, but he is, apparently, not aware of it; until latterly he had no schools, and taught his children nothing; news is a term which has no meaning to him, and the thing itself he cares nothing about. He has stood stock still in South Africa for two centuries and a half, and would like to stand still till the end of time, for he has no sympathy with Utilitarian notions of progress. He is hungry to be rich, for he is human; but his preference has been riches in cattle, not in fine clothes and fine houses and gold and diamonds. The gold and diamonds have brought the godless stranger within his gates, also contamination and broken repose, and he wishes they had never been discovered."

The broom corn trust made a clean sweep of this year's crop, having purchased eighteen-twentieths of it. It has acquired a virtual monopoly of the entire business, in this line, of the country, and it is able to fix just such price as it sees fit.

HOW LOVE COMES.

Like Diana's kiss, unmasked, unsought,
Love gives itself, for it is not bought;
Nor voice, nor sound betrays
Its deep, impassioned gaze.

It comes—the beautiful, the free,
The crown of all humanity—
In silence and alone
To seek the elected one.

It lifts the boughs, whose shadows
Are deep,
Are life's oblivion, the soul's sleep,
And kisses the closed eyes
Of him, who slumbering lies.
O, weary hearts! O, slumbering eyes!
O, drooping souls whose destinies
Are fraught with fear and pain,
Ye shall be loved again!

No one is so accursed by fate,
No one so utterly desolate,
But some heart, though unknown,
Responds unto his own.

Responds—as if with unseen wings,
An angel touched its quivering strings,
And whispers it its song,
"Where hast thou stayed so long?"
—H. W. Longfellow.

There is a demand for miners in northern Arizona. The Kidenour Copper company, north of Peach Springs, on the Santa Fe Pacific, advertises in the Kingman papers for more men. Nearly the same condition of affairs exist all over the territory. Miners are also wanted at Mammoth.

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